

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING APR 5 1896
SOME INDIAN LEGENDS.

Superstition Led the Pima Tribe to Give Up Polygamy.

At the time and for centuries after the advent of the Pima Indians into this country they practiced polygamy and this will show how a little superstitious belief will change a custom of centuries. As the story goes, a short time after the restoration of the Sahuaro (Hass-on) the whole tribe was stricken with a strange disease. It was malignant in form, and many deaths resulted. The great medicine men and magicians from all parts of the country were called together for counsel to see by what means they could propitiate Mo-kik-a-num, the death god. The magicians labored long and earnestly, but still the death god refused to stay his hand.

It seems that fasting had much to do in the ritual of the aboriginal. I have always noted that when communicating their superstitious beliefs, when they wanted to solicit or petition any one of their gods, they always considered it necessary to fast for a given period. When they found they could not subdue the evil death god by magic, the magicians hastened to an open plain and there fasted for three days. They were, however, privileged to eat roots and drink water carried from the river in the tanned stomach of an antelope and all the time singing their songs to the sun god, Tas-o-tham.

Finally, on the afternoon of the third day, an immense herd of antelope appeared on a low hill not far distant. On their appearance the chief magician arose and said to the others: "Whatever these animals do our people must do likewise. They are spiritual and have been sent by the great sun god." While the medicine men were looking the antelopes paired off and passed on. As the last pair disappeared the chief magician again spoke. He said:

"Return to your homes, and then let each man consult with his neighbor and be content with one woman (ova) for wife. That will appease and gratify our sun god. Continue to prohibit plural wives and the death spirit will abide with us no longer."

The people were very reluctant to break up their polygamist homes, but, being driven by fear of death, they consented. It is a known fact that the Indians gave up polygamy long before the Jesuits arrived in this country, but the abolition of the practice has wrongfully been attributed to the influence of the Jesuit fathers.

Strange as it may appear, witchcraft was neither known nor practiced among the Indians prior to the advent of the Jesuit fathers. The first martyr to the witchcraft was an old Indian woman who lived alone with a blind daughter about ten miles from San Xavier. She was put to death for stopping the water running down the Santa Cruz. A short distance from this woman's house the water sank. Where the water disappeared some of the Indians saw the old woman digging holes in the sand with her hands. That was sufficient evidence of witchcraft against her. She was arraigned, condemned and burned at the stake. Finally the medicine men got too assiduous in the hunt after witches. There were too many human bonfires being made, so the people changed the proceedings and burned several of the medicine men. From that time to the present day, instead of accusing human beings of witchcraft, the present generation of Indians accuses and finds witches in animals—dogs, cows and horses—and in many cases they find witches in inanimate things, such as stones, rags and sticks.—Tucson (A. T.) Citizen.

The Nutritive Value of Canned Meats.

Canned corned beef is of greater food value than fresh lamb, veal or mutton, but not equivalent to the better cuts of fresh beef, while superior to the round, flank, shoulder or chuck with shoulder. Canned salmon is of greater food value than any sort of fish except fresh salmon, and it is not much behind the edible portion of that, and, if compared with fresh salmon as purchased, quite as valuable, the calories of the latter being 925 against 890 for the canned salmon. Canned chicken or turkey is nearly equal to the best cuts of fresh beef, decidedly better than fresh veal, on a par with—in fact, ahead of—lamb and as good as mutton. Deviled ham has high nutritive value and is better than fresh pork. Sardines must rank high as a nutritive article of diet. Canned lobster is on a par with fresh.—American Kitchen Magazine.

Adaptation.

To waste in marshes and sea margins is the destiny of certain birds, and they are so accurately made for this that they are imprisoned in those places. Each animal out of its habitat would starve. A soldier, a locksmith, a bank clerk and a dancer could not exchange functions. And thus we are victims of adaptation.—Emerson.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.
THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Ernest L. Allen.

MEDICINAL.

For Good Color and Heavy Growth Of Hair, use

AYER'S Hair Vigor

One Bottle will do Wonders. Try it.

Purify the Blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

DRUGGISTS.

ESTABLISHED 1792.

E. S. LEADBEATER & SONS,

105 and 107 south Fairfax street.

Dealers in Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Fine Oils, Dye Stuffs, Spices, Perfumery, Fancy Goods and Specialties.

Wholesale agents in Northern Virginia for J. C. Ayer's Medicines and John Lewis & Co.'s United Gloss and Prepared Paints, etc.

Manufacturers of Standard Pharmaceutical preparations.

We have made large additions to our stock and are buying leading Proprietary Articles, Chemicals, etc., direct from the manufacturers.

We are therefore enabled to supply the trade with all goods usually carried by a well-appointed WHOLESALE DRUG HOUSE at prices as low as those given by the best houses in larger cities. All goods forwarded by first freight or express after receipt of order.

Promptness is our specialty. We guarantee the purity of all drugs furnished. Correspondence invited.

WARFIELD & HALL.

DRUGGISTS.

CORNER PRINCE AND FAIRFAX STS.

Prescriptions a specialty.

English, French, German and Domestic Toilet Soaps; Genuine Parfums; Cologne; Magdalen, Hydroxylin, Geranium and Florida Water; Genuine Lubin's Extracts; Sponges; Hair Brushes and Combs; best English Tooth Brushes; a full assortment of Patent Medicines; Core's Gelatine, Corn Starch, Sea Moss, etc.; Spices of all kinds, and a select stock of all articles sold by druggists at prices as low as the same quality can be obtained elsewhere.

F. CREIGHTON & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

RUBBER, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, PATENT

MEDICINES, OILS, DYE STUFFS.

GARDEN SEEDS, etc.

Corner King and Royal streets,

Alexandria, Virginia.

Physicians' Prescriptions carefully com-

pounded. Orders will receive prompt atten-

tion.

FINANCIAL.

BURKE & HERBERT

AND DEALERS IN

BANKERS,

INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

A General Banking business transacted.

Deposits received subject to check at sight.

Collections made.

Letters of Credit and Foreign Exchange

furnished.

First National Bank,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Corner Lee and Prince streets.

JOS. BRODERS, President.

CHAS. E. HOFF, Cashier.

Prompt attention given to all business, in-

cluding collections throughout the United

States and Europe.

BANKERS' TRUST CO.,

President.

WM. E. LAMBERY,

Cashier.

Citizens' Natl. Bank.

CAPITAL \$100,000

SURPLUS \$20,000

Collections made and promptly remitted.

All kinds of investment securities a spe-

cialty.

Directors—B. Wheat, E. L. Daingerfield,

F. L. Smith, W. B. Smoot, W. H. Lambert,

E. J. MILLER & SONS.

FINE IMPORTED BAY RUM, in 1 p in

and in self-sealing bottles, or in any quan-

tity as wanted. For sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & SONS.

100 BUSHELS OF PRIME WHITE

POTATOES for sale at 50 cents

per bushel by

J. C. MILBURN.

LAWNS, latest styles; 12½¢ quality re-

duced to 10¢; 10¢ quality reduced to

5¢; 5¢ quality reduced to 4¢; at

A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

BLEACHED COTTON REMNANTS near-

ly 1-yard wide, at 3¢; at

A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

TRY THE KAPO CORSET. Beautiful Fig-

ure, Substantial, Flexible, at

A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

GOOD QUALITY 500 SHIRT WAISTS

reduced to 39¢, at

A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

NEGLECTED SHIRTS, LAUNDERED, at

all prices, at

A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

NEW CROP OF NEW ORLEANS MO-

LASSES, choice quality, received to-day

by

J. C. MILBURN.

FULL LINE OF AMERICAN LADY 50-

CENT CORSETS at

A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERS

CHARLES KING & SON,

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

North Lee Street, Alexandria,

—AND—

South Street, Charlottesville.

Sole agents for LUGGINGTON TOBACCO

and HAZARD POWDER

THOMAS PERRY & CO.,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS

POULTRY, EGGS,

FISH, GRAIN,

STOCK, VEGETABLES, etc.

128-130 King street,

Alexandria, Va.

J. C. MILBURN,

DEALER IN

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES,

113 North Royal Street,

Alexandria, Va.

Proprietor of the Potomac Brand of Flour,

which is unexcelled.

Coffee Freshly Roasted at Store.

W. A. JOHNSON & CO.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS

And Dealers in

ALL KINDS OF LIQUORS.

Have on hand Gibson's XX, XXX, XXXX

and pure Old Rye, Old Cabinet and Monogram

Whiskies; also Baker's and Thompson's Pure

Syrup Whiskies, to which they invite the atten-

tion of the trade.

Orders from the country for merchandise

shall receive prompt attention.

Consignments of Flour, Grain and Country

Produce solicited, for which they guarantee

the highest market prices and prompt returns.

N. E. corner Cameron and Royal streets.

W. A. SMOOT & CO.,

COAL, SALT AND PLASTER.

Alexandria, Va.

Office—Smoot's wharf.

Special attention paid to forwarding.

Alexandria Gazette.

—O—

The GAZETTE is the oldest paper in the

State, and with few exceptions the oldest in

the country, and its usefulness has been

demonstrated and appreciated for nearly a

century.

Features—United Press Dispatches, Wash-

ington and Richmond correspondence, daily

market reports, Local News, and matters of

interest to Virginia, but more especially to

this city and section of Virginia.

In its columns has always been found a

mirror of passing events, and the careful

chronicling of the history of what is going on

in the world, but more especially in this sec-

tion, has ever been its aim.

The GAZETTE, situated as it is so close to

Washington, the great centre of news, en-

joys daily the benefit of the United Press

Dispatches from every part of the world; hence its patrons can read from its columns

in the evening what transpired that day in

every portion of the United States as well as

from every part of the habitable globe. Con-

sequently it is an every-day occurrence for

the GAZETTE to publish telegrams from the

various European capitals about twelve or fif-

teen hours earlier than the morning papers.

Correspondence from Washington, Rich-

mond, and every section of Virginia is pub-

lished regularly, and all events of interest oc-

curring within the bounds of the Common-

wealth are to be found in the columns of the

GAZETTE.

The Local Department furnishes a complete

history of everything that occurs in and near

the city, and this feature will, as ever, receive

careful attention.

Another feature that serves to make the

GAZETTE a great desideratum with merchants

is its afternoon Market Reports from all the

great centres of the country.

The GAZETTE is read by nearly everybody

in this city, especially among those who con-

sult its advertising columns before purchas-

ing.

THE COUNTRY EDITION

is nearly as large as that of the daily. This

edition is sent out three times a week. The

advantages of advertising in this paper are

apparent.

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION:

Daily, one week, 10¢; one month, 43¢;

one year, \$5. Delivered by carriers to any ad-

dress in the city, or mailed to any postoffice

in the United States.

Tri-weekly (or country edition) one month,

25¢; four months, \$1; one year, \$3.

LAURENCE STABLER,

NO. 701 KING STREET.

INSURANCE AGENT,

Representing the following first-class fire

insurance companies:

LIVERPOOL, LONDON AND GLOBE.

HARTFORD.

PHENIX, of London.

WESTCHESTER, of New York.

HANOVER.

PHENIX, of Brooklyn.

And others of same grade.

Soliciting the patronage of the public, I

promise the most careful attention to any busi-

ness entrusted to me.

LOT OF PLAITED BOSOM PERCAL

SHIRTS, separate collars and cuffs,

former price \$1, to close at 75¢, at

A. C. SLAYMAKER.

FRESH CORN GRITS, 2 lbs for 5¢, at

J. C. MILBURN'S.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

HELLO! — HELLO!

We wish to call your attention to the

ALEXANDRIA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

AND ITS ADVANTAGES.

Instant communication by any subscriber

with any other is furnished any moment, day

or night.

Each is heard in his own recognized voice,

and business is transacted with the utmost

saving of time.

Communication is also had with Washing-

ton, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and

many other points, thus annihilating distance

and time.

Low Rates.

The expense is but a few cents a day and in

many cases very much less than the service

performed is worth to the subscribers.

More than forty classes of business are to be

found among our subscribers.

If your name is not enrolled consult your

own interest by subscribing at once. Call on

the manager or send him word by postal or

telephone, and he will call on you.

WYTHE WHITE, Manager.

C. E. McCLUER,

District Supt., Richmond, Va.

Agricultural Supplies.

Herbert Bryant, W. H. May & Son.

B. H. Whittier, E. Walton.

Brick Manufacturers.

Alexandria Brick Company

Books and Stationery.

R. W. French.

Beer and Groceries.

O'Sullivan & Green.

Brothers.

R. Portner's.

Banks.

Burke & Herbert, First National Bank.

Citizens' National Bank.

Butchers.

Hellmuth Brothers, M. Schuler.

Courts.

County Court, Corporation Court.

Commission Merchants.

Fisher Brothers, W. A. Johnson & Co.

Matthew & Co., F. S. Harper.

J. T. & J. G. Beckham, Harlow Brothers.

E. E. Lawler & Co., Chas. King & Son.

J. Broders, N. Lindsey & Co.

Geo. H. Robinson & Sons.

Druggists.

W. F. Creighton & Co., E. L. Allen.

C. G. Lennon, E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

L. Stabler & Co., Northwest Pharmacy.

Dry Goods.

Isaac Eichberg.

Drying Parks.

Alexandria Driving Park.

Express Companies.

U. S. Express Co.

Feed and Grain Dealers.

T. F